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Honorable Commissioner of Patents and Trademarks Washington, D.C. 20231 October 8, 1996

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Sir:

Under the provisions of 35 USC 119 and 37 CFR 1.55(a), the applicant hereby claims the right of priority based on the following application(s):

| Country | Application No. | <u>Filed</u> |
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| JAPAN | 7-264127 | 10/12/95 |
| JAPAN | 7-277463 | 10/25/95 |
| JAPAN | 7-308915 | 11/28/95 |
| JAPAN | 7-310667 | 11/29/95 |

A certified copy of the above-noted application(s) is(are) attached hereto.

Please charge any fees under 37 CFR 1.16 - 1.21 (h) or credit any overpayment to Deposit Account No. 02-2448.

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